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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MNUC, UR, SF, WA
SUBJECT: TASS ARTICLE ON SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR PROGRAM

REF: MOSCOW 03940

IN RECENT TASS ARTICLE (REFTEL) ON ALLEGED SOUTH
AFRICAN NUCLEAR PLANS, SOUTH AFRICA'S FIRST
EXPERIMENTAL NUCLEAR TEST SITE IS
DESCRIBED AS BEING LOCATED IN NAMIBIA. THE SOVIETS
ARE WELL AWARE THAT THE SUSPECTED SOUTH AFRICAN
SITE, WHILE IN THE KALAHARI DESERT, IS IN SOUTH
AFRICA, NOT NAMIBIA. IS THIS A DELIBERATE ERROR
INTENDED TO COMPLICATE THE WESTERN FIVE EFFORT ON
NAMIBIA? (SWAPO ALSO INCORRECTLY REFERS TO NAMIBIA
AS THE LOCATION OF THE TEST SITE.) YOUNG

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